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**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

*-Meeting Held June 3, 2008-*

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Committee Members Piirto, Walz, Giacomini; Helge Eng, Wayne Connor, Mike Chuchel, Bruce Beck, (CAL FIRE); Bill Keye (CLFA); Richard Gienger (Humboldt Watershed Council).

***Following introductions, Member Walz suggested that the agenda items be taken in the order in which they are summarized below.***

**AGENDA ITEM 5: SYP WORKSHOP UPDATE**

Staff reported that the workshop is scheduled for July 10, 2008 in Chester. Staff participated in a conference call for workshop planning purposes last week with Jay Francis (Collins Pine Company) and Bob Ryneerson (Wm. Beaty and Associates). Msrs. Francis and Ryneerson have drafted a set of key questions and workshop objectives to be circulated to workshop participants in advance. A final itinerary will be posted along with the Board's agenda for the July meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF THE LA TOUR DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Chair Piirto asked State Forest Program Manager, Helge Eng to provide a summary of the revisions made to the draft mitigated negative declaration to date. La Tour Forest Manager, Bruce Beck then summarized the Department's review and response to Board Member Ostrowski's comments and suggested edits.

Member Walz led discussion on the Department's analysis of potential impacts to aesthetics and suggested that the document include reference to the relative impacts of catastrophic wildfire. The Committee then continued review of the remaining Department responses with additional discussion of specific edits. Mr. Eng noted that the cumulative effects analysis was essentially rewritten to provide further detail and support for the Department's conclusions.

At the conclusion of the Department's presentation and further discussion of next steps in the CEQA process, Mr. Eng summarized the additional edits identified by the assembly for incorporation in the draft document. These items will be incorporated for the Board's review and consideration on the following day. Member Walz then offered a motion to accept the revised draft as edited in Committee, recommend similar endorsement by full Board, and recommend full Board approval of the 30-day public circulation of the draft through the OPR State Clearinghouse. Member Giacomini seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM**

**The Committee recommends:**

- 1. Full Board acceptance of the Committee's edits to the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.**
- 2. Full Board approval for 30-day public circulation of the revised draft Mitigated Negative Declaration through the State Clearinghouse.**

## **AGENDA ITEM 2: REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT BOGGS MOUNTAIN DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

State Forest Program Manager, Helge Eng and Boggs Forest Manager, Wayne Connor led review of the Members' proposed edits to the draft plan update. Several minor language edits were suggested by the assembly in the course of this review. Mr. Eng noted that resiliency to the effects of wildfire is a cornerstone of the proposed management plan update and this triggered extensive discussion on the topic.

The review continued with discussion of the Plan's elements including the sustained yield analysis, discussion of carbon sequestration opportunities, and identified research priorities. Discussion continued with Mr. Connor's summary of recreational use on the Forest and concerns with shooting.

Member Walz noted that he had a few minor edits remaining and would provide those edits to Mr. Eng. Mr. Eng then concluded presentation of the revised draft and questioned whether or not the revised version should be provided to the Board Members for their consideration on the following day. The Committee did not feel this was necessary in this instance, preferring that Mr. Eng focus on completing the revisions to the draft La Tour Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Committee did direct that Mr. Eng produce an errata summary of the edits made during the course of the meeting.

Member Giacomini moved and Member Walz seconded that the Committee recommend the following to the full Board:

### **BOARD ACTION ITEM**

**The Committee recommends:**

- 1. The Board enter an agreement with *CAL FIRE* to complete an Initial Study/CEQA Checklist.**
- 2. The Board direct that an Initial Study/CEQA Checklist be completed for Committee/full Board review at the July Meeting.**

## **AGENDA ITEM 4: DISCUSSION OF A MODIFIED TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN (MTHP) REGULATORY PROPOSAL FOR STREAMLINED PERMITTING OF LANDSCAPE FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION**

Staff summarized revisions to the draft pleadings and entries to date on the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) template. Discussion continued with emphasis on proposed provisions for surface and ladder fuels treatment, WLPZ operations, project area size, and other topics. The Committee concluded that further staff work is necessary and the Committee provided direction to that end. The item will be agendized for July in anticipation of further staff work on the proposal.

## **AGENDA ITEM 1: REVIEW OF COMMITTEE WORK PLAN/TRACKING TABLE AND BOARD COMMITTEE PRIORITIES REPORT**

The Committee reviewed the table and report. The priorities identified in the report were then incorporated into the tracking table at the Committee's direction.

### **POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

- 1. Review of the Department's Draft Initial Study/CEQA Checklist for the Draft Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Update. (Committee and Full Board)**
- 2. Discussion of a Modified Timber Harvest Plan (MTHP) Regulatory Proposal for Streamlined Permitting of Landscape Fuel Hazard Reduction.**
- 3. Presentation of Draft PTEIR Guidance Document.**
- 4. Review of Revised Work Plan/Tracking Table.**